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SUBJECT: MEXICO BREAKS RELATIONS WITH CHILE

REF TELCON ESTEP/SARROS OF 11/26/24

1. GOM FOREIGN RELATIONS SECRETARIAT THIS EVENING MADE PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING RUPTURE OF RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

2. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE IN INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS HAS MADE PUBLIC A DECLARATION IN WHICH IT IS MADE KNOWN THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO HAS DECIDED TO CONSIDER AS CONCLUDED ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE AND HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF MEXICO IN CHILE TO COMMUNICATE THIS DECISION TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF CHILE AND TO RETURN TO MEXICO WITH ALL PERSONNEL OF THE EMBASSY.

UNQUOTE, BEGIN

SECOND PARAGRAPH. QUOTE: AT THE SAME TIME, IT HAS NOTIFIED THIS DECISION TO THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF CHILE IN THIS CAPITAL. UNQUOTE.

3. SPANISH TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: LA SECRETARIA DE CONFIDENTIAL

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RELACIONES EXTERIORES HA DADO A CONOCER UNA DECLARACION EN

LA CUAL SE INFORMA QUE EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO HA DECIDIDO DAR
POR CONCLUIDA SUS RELACIONES DIPLOMATICAS CON EL ACTUAL
GOBIERNO DE LA REPUBLICA DE CHILE Y HA IMPARTIDO INSTRUCCIONES AL ENCARGADO DE NEGOCIOS A.I. DE MEXICO EN CHILE, DE COMUNICAR ESTA DECISION AL MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES DE CHILE Y DE TRASLADARSE A MEXICO CON TODO EL PERSONAL DE LA EMBAJADA. AL MISMO TIEMPO HA NOTIFICADO ESTA DECISION AL ENCARGADO DE NEGOCIOS A.I. DE CHILE EN ESTA CAPITAL. UNQUOTE.

4. EMBASSY CONTACT IN CHILEAN EMBASSY MEXICO CITY HAS INDICATED TO US THAT CHILEANS HERE HAD NO INKLING THAT BREAK IN RELATIONS IN OFFING UNTIL ISSUANCE OF COMMUNIQUE CITED ABOVE.

5. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PUBLIC INDICATIONS OF WHICH EMBASSY AWARE THAT BREAK IN RELATIONS WAS IMMINENT IN RECENT DAYS OR WEEKS. RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN COLD, OF COURSE, EVER SINCE CHILEAN GOLPE LAST YEAR, BUT IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF SUDDEN GOM DECISION IS UNCLEAR. ONLY NEW NOTE IN MEXICAN-CHILEAN SITUATION WHICH HAS COME TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION RECENTLY WAS UNVERIFIED ASSERTION BY UNEVALUATED SOURCE TO POLITICAL OFFICER THAT MEXICO WOULD, WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS, BE SITE OF "WAR CRIMES TRIAL" WITH EMINENT JURISTS OF CHILEAN "WAR CRIMINALS", ALONG LINES OF SIMILAR "TRIALS" IN PARIS AND STOCKHOLM IN THE PAST. PRESENT SEEMINGLY PRECIPITATE ACTION BY GOM IS REMINISCENT OF SUDDEN VISIT TO SANTIAGO BY FONSECA RABASA A FEW MONTHS AGO, IN WHICH RABASA NEGOTIATED SAFE CONDUCTS FOR ASYLEES IN MEXICAN EMBASSY. RABASA'S TRIP WAS ON SUDDEN AND UNANTICIPATED (BY ALL, INCLUDING APPARENTLY RABASA) INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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